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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICAN IRRITATION WITH U.S. EXBD

MEMBER VOTE FOR CHAIRMAN OF UNESCO EXBD.

1. PERMDEL HAS LEARNED ON CONFIDENTIAL RELIABLE BASIS THAT SOME LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATIONS TO UNESCO ARE CONSIDERABLY IRRITATED WITH THE U.S. BECAUSE THEY ARE CONVINCED, AFTER ANALYZING THE VOTING PATTERNS THAT US MEMBER OF EXBD SCHERER DID NOT VOTE FOR BEGAOUR MEHIJA ON FIRST BALLOT FOR ELECTION AS CHAIRMAN UNESCO EXBD. U.S. COMMITTED ITSELF TO VOTE ON FIRST ROUND FOR MEHIJA AND THESE INSTRUCTIONS WERE COMMUNICATED TO U.S. EXBD MEMBER. HOWEVER, IN SECRET BALLOT, ACTING ON PERSONAL INITIATIVE EXBD MEMBER EVIDENTLY DID NOT CAST VOTE FOR MEHIJA. THIS HAS NOW BEEN DIAGNOSED BY LATINS WHO CONSIDER IT AN OFFENSE SINCE U.S. HAD PLEDGED TO SUPPORT THE LA CANDIDATE CHOSEN BY MAJORITY VOTE OF REGIONAL GROUP AT LEAST ON FIRST BALLOT. PERMDEL IS INFORMED THAT AT RECENT LATIN CAUCUS MEETING, MENTION WAS MADE OF COLUMBIAN NEWSPAPER WHICH REPORTED THAT U.S. EXBD MEMBER NEVER VOTED FOR THE COLUMBIAN.

2. NEW PRESIDENT OF LATIN CAUCUS IS AMBASSADOR BUSTAMEN-
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TE, PANAMA, WHO HAS BEEN DESCRIBED TO PERMDEL AS "U.S.

BAITER AND PRO-CUBAN". CUBANS ACTIVELY LOBBIED FOR HIS PRESIDENCY AND MODERATES COULD NOT NOMINATE ANOTHER CANDIDATE ACCEPTABLE TO GROUP.

3. AS PER DEPARTMENT'S CABLE ON SUBJECT MATTER, U.S. MEMBER EXBD WAS POSITIVELY INSTRUCTED TO VOTE ON FIRST SECRET BALLOT FOR LA'S REGIONAL MAJORITY CHOICE, MEHIJA. IT IS STRONG IMPRESSION THAT EXBD MEMBER DECIDED IN HIS PRIVATE CAPACITY TO VOTE FOR ANOTHER CANDIDATE.

4. THESE DEVELOPMENTS LIKELY ADVERSELY AFFECT ABILITY FAVORABLE INFLUENCE LATIN VOTES ON MATTERS OF U.S. INTEREST, PARTICULARLY ON THE CRUCIAL ISRAELI-JERUSALEM ISSUE. LATINS GENERALLY ABSTAINED OR SUPPORTED ARABS ON THESE ISSUES. PERMDEL INTENDS STEP UP MEETINGS AND LUNCHEES WITH SELECTED LA'S IN EFFORT REPAIR DAMAGE. WILL ATTEMPT AVOID DIRECT MENTION OF EXBD ELECTION AND FOCUS ON OTHER MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.
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